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SUBJECT: KUWAIT WILL CONSIDER USG POSITIONS ON IRAN HUMAN  
RIGHTS RESOLUTION AND NO-ACTION MOTIONS

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Classified By: Political Counselor Pete O'Donohue for reasons 1.4 b and  
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1. (C) POLCOUNS on November 11 raised reftel points with  
Hamad Bu Rahamah, Counselor in MFA's Department of  
International Organizations, urging GOK support for human  
rights resolutions on Iran, Burma and the DPRK and asking the  
GOK to oppose no-action motions designed to derail these  
resolutions. In delivering the demarche, POLCOUNS noted that  
a strong human rights resolution on Iran is one of the USG's  
highest priorities for the UNGA Third Committee, while  
stressing that resolutions on Burma and the DPRK are also  
very important.

2. (C) In response, Bu Rahamah said the GOK is constrained  
to tread carefully on issues related to Iran given its close  
geographic proximity to Kuwait, but shares USG concerns about  
human rights abuses there. Bu Rahamah indicated he also  
appreciated USG concerns about the misuse of no-action  
motions as a means to stifle valid resolutions. With these  
concerns in mind, Bu Rahamah said he would convey a  
recommendation through his chain of command urging GOK  
support for USG positions on these resolutions.

3. (C) Comment: Given the GOK's weak past record on  
no-action motions on Iran and Burma, the Department may wish  
to continue to press the Kuwaiti delegation at UNGA on these  
points. Ambassador will follow up at the next appropriate  
opportunity.

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